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In re Application of  
Osamu Yokomizo, et al.  
Application No. 08/470,424  
Filed: June 6, 1995  
For: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR  
REACTOR

Office of the Director  
Group 3600  
DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW THE  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on October 26, 2001.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated February 26, 2001.

The applicant asserts that a timely response was filed and has submitted documents to support this assertion.

However, the original amendment, extension of time request and Notice of Appeal submitted by applicant on July 26, 2001 have recently been found, and have been matched with the file. The holding of abandonment is therefore withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the Amendment, extension of time request, and Notice of Appeal of July 26, 2001, as well as entry of the Appeal Brief of October 26, 2001. The application will then be forwarded to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the claims.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Steven Meyers at (703) 308-3868.

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